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THE HEDGEHOG

THE STORY SO FAR...



**SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG**
WORLD HERO



**NICOLE
THE HOLO-LYNX**
LIVING A.I.



CHIP/LIGHT GAIA
WORLD RESTORING SPIRIT



**DR. EGGMAN
WITH TAILS DOLL**
MAD GENIUS AND
CREEPY MINION

PANIC PLOT

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled the globe via their flying fortress, the Sky Patrol, gathering up the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Keys needed to end the Shattered World Crisis. They're just days away from a worldwide effort to finally save the planet!



What they don't know is that Dr. Eggman has had the spy bot

Tails Doll aboard the Sky Patrol for some time. Tails Doll has learned all about the Freedom Fighters' plan to save the world and passed it along to the mad genius.



**And Dr. Eggman
has launched a plan
of his own...**



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THE SKY
PATROL...

HIGH ABOVE THE
SHATTERED WORLD...

TAILS
FLYER

CHIP
ANCIENT
SPIRIT

JUST DAYS AWAY
FROM FIXING THE
WORLD...

A
LITTLE
HIGHER,
GUYS!

BUNNIE
CYBORG

ROTOR
MECHANIC

SONIC
READY TO
PARTY

ANTOINE
SWORDSMAN

SALLY
PRINCESS

DON'T YOU
THINK THIS
IS A LITTLE
PREMATURE
?

PANIC IN THE SKY

PART ONE: THE BEST LAID PLANS

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NAH! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL WAIT FOR CREAM, BIG AND EVERYONE ELSE TO GET BACK BEFORE WE PARTY!

I MEAN, CELEBRATING AT ALL BEFORE WE'VE COMPLETED THE MISSION TO FIX THE WORLD.*

SAL--WE'VE GOT THIS! THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAIA KEYS ARE LOCKED IN YOUR DAD'S VAULT, EGGMAN'S GOT NO CLUE ABOUT THE GAIA GATE...

AND YOU'VE GOT ME!

SEE? WE'VE GOT THIS IN THE BAG.

I...GUESS. IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE STILL GOT TO COORDINATE WITH EVERYONE, AND THERE'S AMY AND KNUCKLES'S MISSION TO THINK ABOUT, AND...*

*STH#283.

**SEE SONIC UNIVERSE--"SHATTERED"--RIGHT NOW!

...NICOLE SAID SHE DETECTED SOME KIND OF ANOMALY EARLIER. NICOLE? ANY UPDATE?
MY APOLOGIES. IT'S PROVING ELUSIVE.

IS IT SERIOUS?

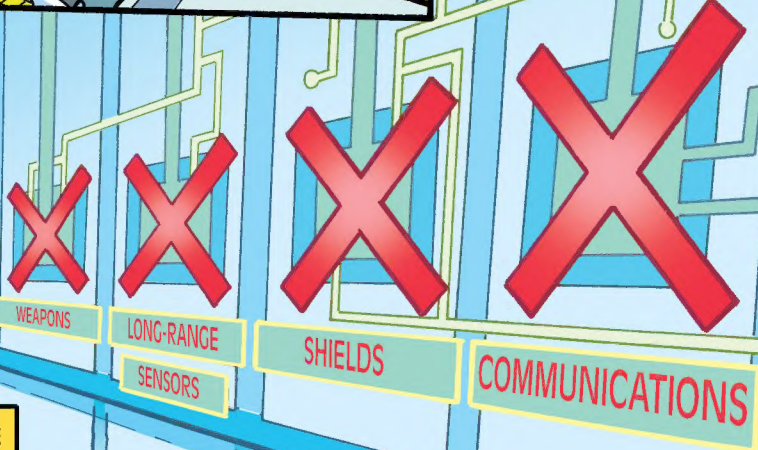
INSIDE SKY PATROL'S SYSTEMS...

I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

WHAT IN THE ...?

WHY ARE ALL THESE SYSTEMS DOWN? WHY DIDN'T I DETECT THIS SOONER--?

NICOLE LIVING A.I.

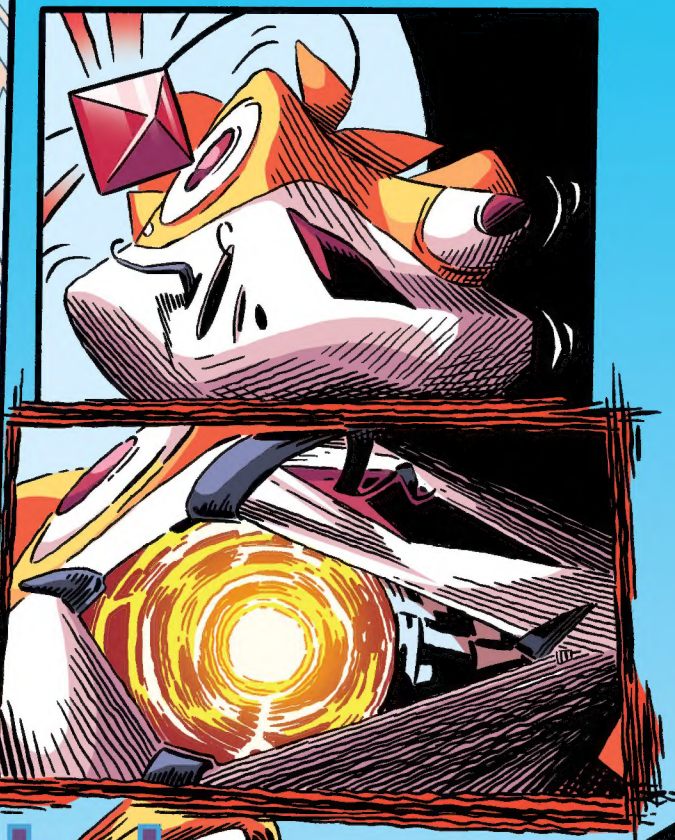




...OH,
NO...

IS...IS
THAT A
DATA LINK
TO THE--?!
WHAT ARE
YOU--

TAILS DOLL
PLUSH INFILTRATOR
(DIGITAL FORM)



HELLO AGAIN,
NICOLE. IT IS
TIME FOR YOU
TO EXPIRE.

PHAGE
MALEVOLENT A.I.

END.

DIE.

BWOOOOOOO

IT'S
TAILS DOLL!
IT--
SHRZK!\neq



NICOLE?!

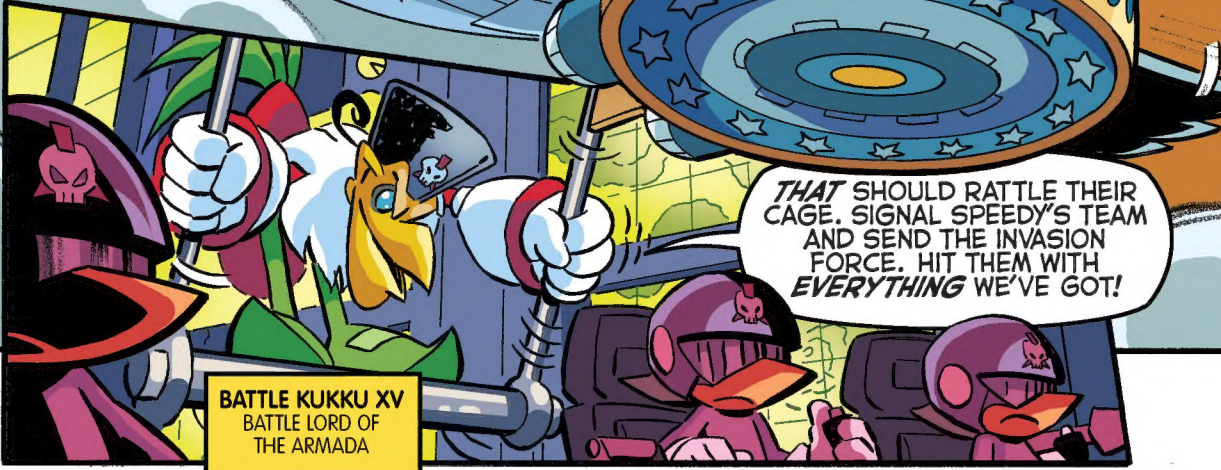
WHOOO!

THE BATTLE
FORTRESS
FLAGSHIP OF THE
BATTLE BIRD
ARMADA



BOOM!

BOOM!



THAT SHOULD RATTLE THEIR
CAGE. SIGNAL SPEEDY'S TEAM
AND SEND THE INVASION
FORCE. HIT THEM WITH
EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!

BATTLE KUKKU XV
BATTLE LORD OF
THE ARMADA

TAILS DOLL MUST'VE MASKED THE ENEMY'S APPROACH!

CUTE. I'LL HANDLE IT--*REAL* QUICK!

SONIC--*WAIT!*

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED BACKUP. TAKE BUNNIE AND ANTOINE TOP-SIDE AND DEAL WITH THE ATTACKERS.

NOW CAN I HANDLE IT *REAL* QUICK?

AT SONIC SPEED, PLEASE!

WHOO-HA! YOU'VE GOT IT!

IT'S CLEAR EGG-MAN'S SET THIS UP *WELL* IN ADVANCE. WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL AND HANDLE THIS WITH PRECISION.

TAILS! ROTOR! GIVE NICOLE SUPPORT AND GET OUR SYSTEMS BACK ONLINE!

WHAT ABOUT ME, PRINCESS? WHERE DO YOU WANT ME?

YOU COME WITH ME, CHIP. THIS MAY BE THE MOST COORDINATED ATTACK WE'VE *EVER* FACED.

YES, MA'AM!

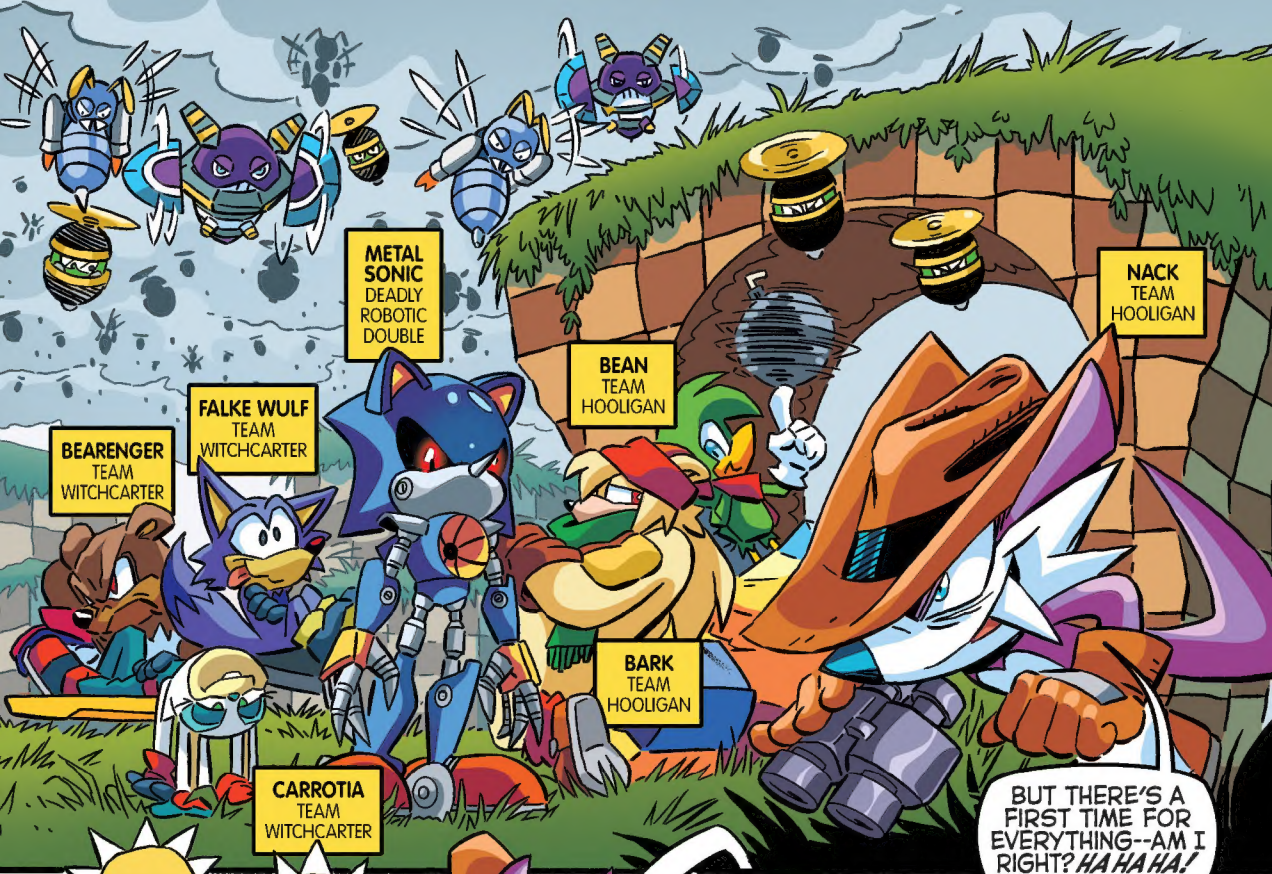
TAILS DOLL MUST'VE LEAKED OUR PLANS, WHICH MEANS HE'LL BE AFTER *YOU*...

"...THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND THE GAIA KEYS!"

ROYAL HILLS ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...

Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER PULLED A JOB IN ROBOTROPOLIS.

FOR A NATION'S CAPITAL, IT ALWAYS SEEMED SO... QUANT. SOMETHING TOO PRETTY TO MESS WITH.



METAL SONIC
DEADLY
ROBOTIC
DOUBLE

NACK
TEAM
HOOLIGAN

BEAN
TEAM
HOOLIGAN

FALKE WULF
TEAM
WITCHCARTER

BEARENGER
TEAM
WITCHCARTER

BARK
TEAM
HOOLIGAN

CARROTTIA
TEAM
WITCHCARTER

BUT THERE'S A
FIRST TIME FOR
EVERYTHING--AM I
RIGHT? HA HA HA!



NOBODY'S
RAISED THE
ALARM, SO IT
LOOKS LIKE THE
DOC'S PLAN IS
WORKING--FOR
ONCE!

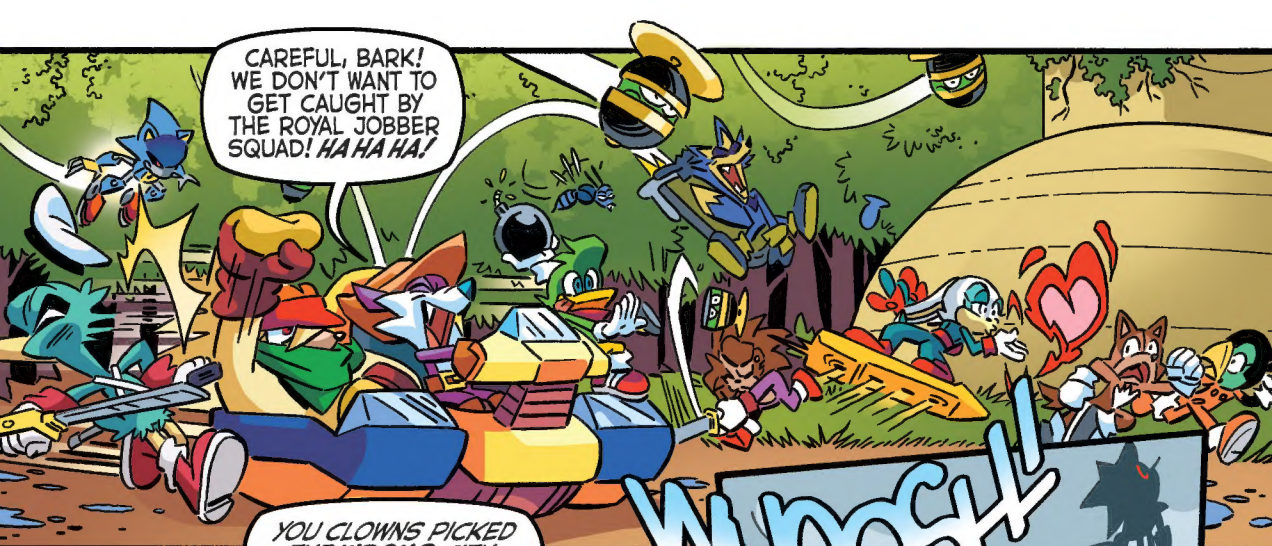
WITCHCARTERS!
YOU'RE COVERING
MY TEAM AS
WE GET INSIDE
THE CASTLE!

NOW LET'S GO
MAKE SOME
NOISE AND BUST
OPEN THAT
ROYAL VAULT!

METAL SONIC! YOU
GET THE BADNIK
HORDE TO HANDLE
THE CITY GUARDS
WHILE YOU DEAL WITH
THEIR BIG GUN--YOU
KNOW THE GUY.



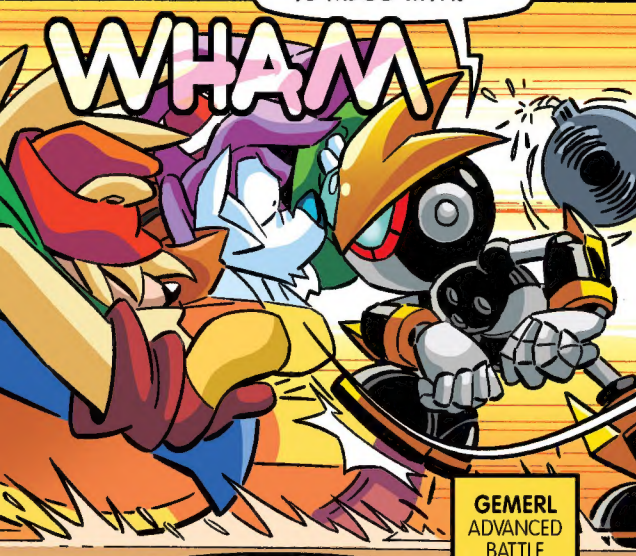
CAREFUL, BARK!
WE DON'T WANT TO
GET CAUGHT BY
THE ROYAL JOBBER
SQUAD! HA HA HA!



YOU CLOWNS PICKED
THE WRONG CITY
TO MESS WITH!



WHAM



GRNK!
WATCH THE
PAINT!

LIKE CLOCKWORK!
MAYBE EGGMAN'S
ACTUALLY A GENIUS
AFTER ALL!

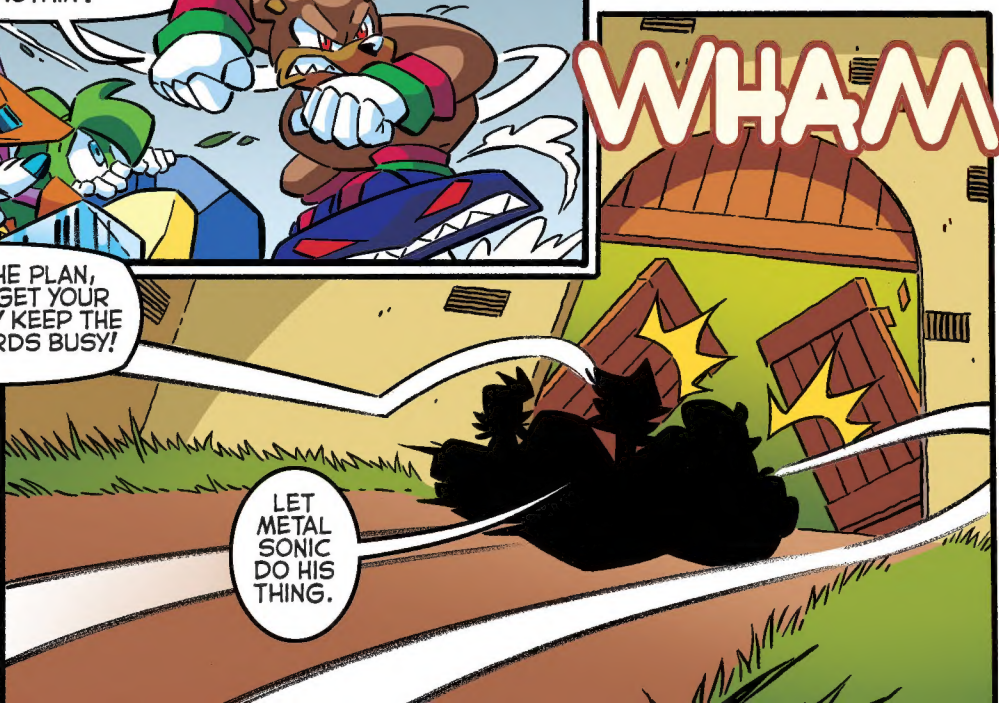
GEMERL
ADVANCED
BATTLE
ANDROID

GRRR... I WANT A SHOT
AT THE TIN MAN! THESE
ROYAL MOOKS ARE
NOTHIN'!



STICK TO THE PLAN,
AND YOU'LL GET YOUR
CHANCE! YOU KEEP THE
PALACE GUARDS BUSY!

WHAM



LET
METAL
SONIC
DO HIS
THING.

OH, HEY! IT'S YOU!
THE ORIGINAL ABILITY-
STEALER WITH THE
IDENTITY CRISIS!



BOOM!
BOOM!

CLONK

THIS IS
GONNA
LEAVE A
MARK...

HUH?
NOPE, I'VE NEVER
BEEN IN HERE. BUT I'VE
GOT THE INNATE TRACKING
OF ANY TREASURE
HUNTER!

"I'LL FIND THOSE
CHAOS EMERALDS
--NO PROBLEM!"

HA-HA-WHAT?!
I DIDN'T EXPECT
THIS! STEP ASIDE,
OLD MAN. WE'VE GOT
WORK TO DO.

AS DO I.

MY BRAVE
SOLDIERS ARE
DEFENDING MY CITY. MY
TRUMP CARD HAS BEEN
TRUMPED. SO THE DUTY
NOW FALLS TO ME.

NOW--STEP
FORWARD IF YOU
DESIRE A *ROYAL*
BEATING.

WOOO!!!

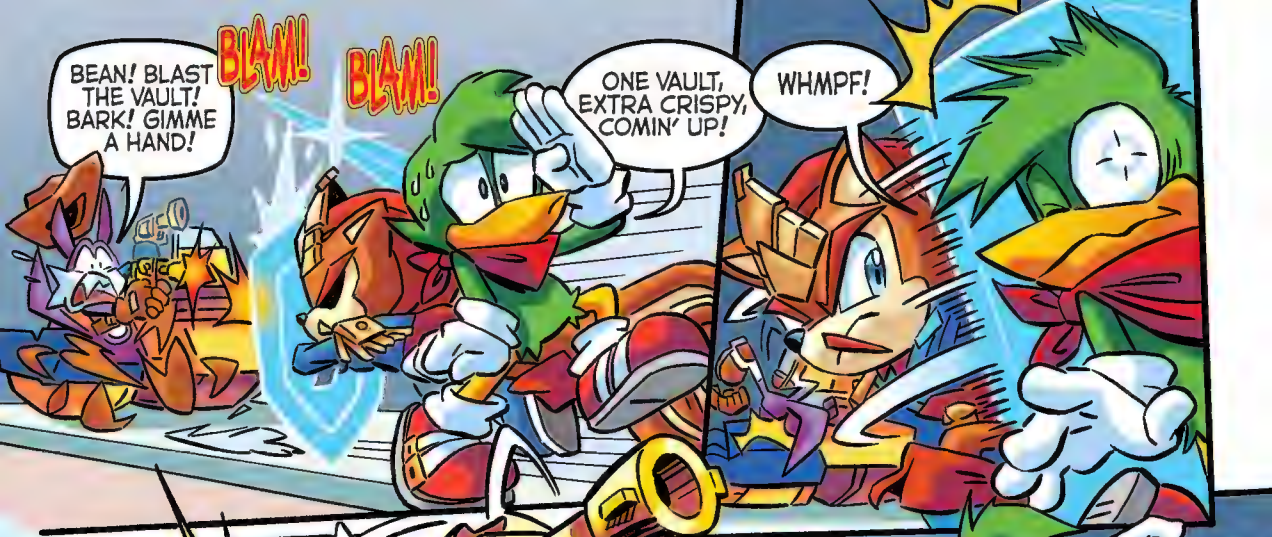
KING NIGEL ACORN
RULER OF THE
ACORN ARCHIPELAGO

BEAN! BLAST THE VAULT! BARK! GIMME A HAND!

BAM! **BAM!**

ONE VAULT, EXTRA CRISPY, COMIN' UP!

WHMPF!



CHING!

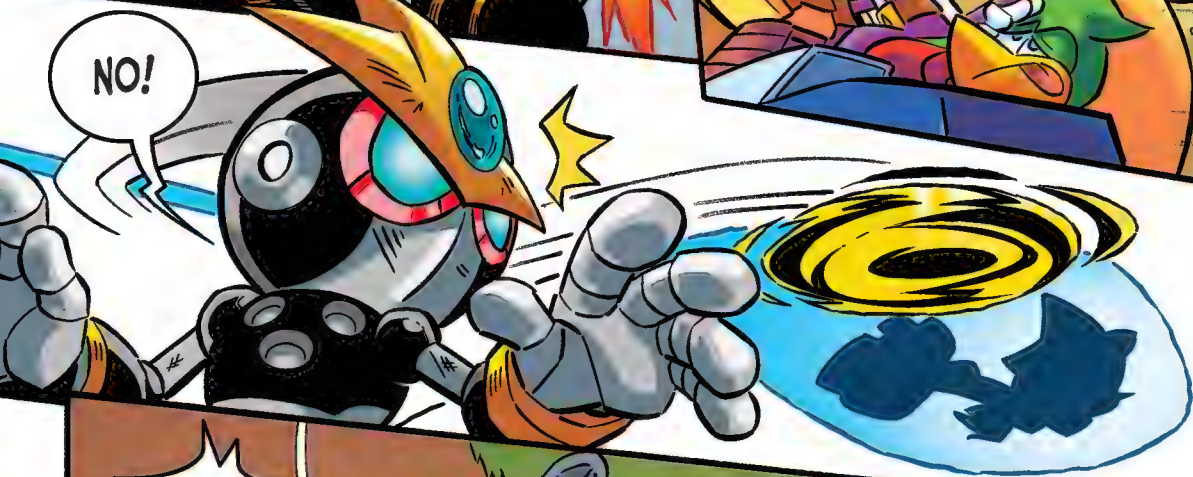
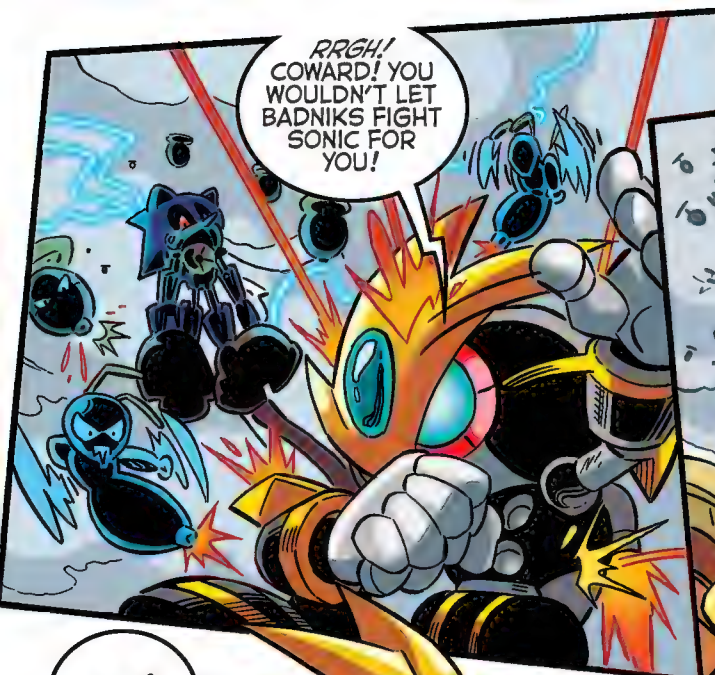
OW!

SOK!

WHEW! THANKS. HURRY IT UP WITH THE VAULT, BEAN!

RIIIIGHT... CRISPY VAULT...





MEANWHILE,
ABOARD THE
SKY PATROL...

HEY, TAILS! ROTE! IF
YOU'VE GOT THE COMMS
UP AND RUNNING AGAIN,
WE COULD *REALLY* USE
SOME WEAPON SUPPORT
UP HERE!

I
AM NOT
THINKING
ZEY CAN
HEAR
US!

AH HATE TO
ADMIT BEIN'
OVERWHELMED,
BUT...

HRRGH!
GUYS! THE
ARM!

SHING!

OKAY--FACT CHECK. WE
HAVEN'T TANGLED WITH THE BATTLE
BIRD ARMADA A LOT...

...BUT IT'S KINDA *BLATANT*
THAT SPEEDY ISN'T THE ONE
LEADING THE ATTACK.

HEY... YEAH!
THERE'S NO WAY A
BRAT LIKE HIM
WOULD PASS THIS
UP!

SO IF
HE ISN'T
HERE...

...WHERE IS HE?!

SPEEDY
BATTLE
KUKKU XVI

THIS WAY?

YES, SIR. INTEL FROM TAILS DOLL SAYS TO EXPECT RESISTANCE.

OH! THE PRINCESS HERSELF. I APPRECIATE FELLOW NOBILITY WHO'LL GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY.

CHIP IS LOCKED OUT OF REACH. I'VE DISABLED THE CONTROLS, SO TAILS DOLL CAN'T OPEN THE DOOR. WE'LL REGAIN CONTROL OF OUR SYSTEMS AT ANY MOMENT.

LEAVE-- WHILE YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE.

SHHK
KSHH

SKYEU SKYEU

NO!

KZZZZT

SLAM

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP ME **SAVE THE WORLD!**

CHIP! STAY INSIDE THE CELL!

THANKS FOR BEING "COOPERATIVE," O BRAVE SPIRIT. THIS IS SPEEDY. TARGET ACQUIRED. RETURNING TO ROOST.

KEEP THE PRINCESS COMPANY. YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED AND HONORED.

FOR THE ARMADA!

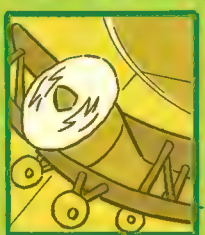
STOP!

LET ME GO! SONIC! SALLY! SOMEBODY! HELP!

SKY PATROL-- ENGINE ROOM-- MANY ROOMS AWAY...

THE ENGINE IS FINE! THE WIRING IS FINE! SO IT'S ALL GOTTA BE TAILS DOLL'S INTERFERENCE! **SO WHERE IS IT?!**

I'VE GOT EVERY RC, OMOCHAO AND T-PUP HUNTING IT DOWN, BUT THE SKY PATROL IS A **BIG PLACE!**



KI-CHUNK!

GOOD WORK, T-PUP!
THAT SHOULD FREE
UP NICOLE!

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE,
BUT I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
SONIC GETS METAL
SONIC. I GET *THAT?*

GRRRR! SHURP-
SHURP-

NICOLE!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

HELLO?! SHRK!
I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE!

TAILS DOLL LET PHAGE
INTO THE SKY PATROL'S
SYSTEMS! I'M NOT STRONG
ENOUGH TO STOP HER!

OF COURSE NOT,
WITHOUT THAT *CURIOUS*
POWER YOU WIELDED
BEFORE, YOU ARE
INSUFFICIENT.

I NEED THE
POWER OF THE RED
STAR RING!

AND WE NEED PHAGE
OUT SO YOU CAN GET
US BACK ONLINE! RED
STAR RING--COMING UP!

INCAPABLE.

LACKING.

BAM!

OVERCLOCKED
NICOLE
BLAST
PROCESSING!

AH, THERE IT IS,
JUST LIKE LAST
TIME.*

I OVERPOWERED
YOU THEN, AND I
WILL DO SO NOW!

AH-AH-AH!
ONLY IF YOU
CAN CATCH ME!

I DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THIS!

NO, YOU REALLY
DO NOT.

*X.SU#71-74 "SPARK
OF LIFE."



ATTENTION,
EVERYONE! I'VE
GOTTEN SOME
SYSTEMS BACK
ONLINE SO YOU
CAN COORDINATE.
PHAGE IS CURRENTLY
BLOCKING ME
FROM STARTING
THE OTHERS.

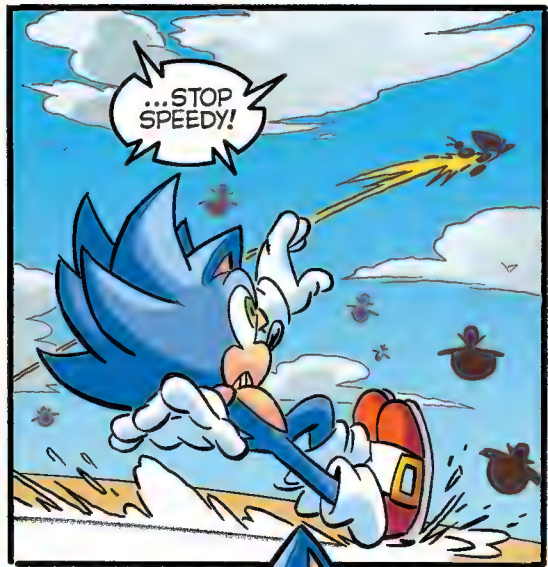
I WILL--NRGH!--
TRY TO PURGE HER
FROM THE SYSTEM
QUICKLY.



OH,
YES. KEEP
TRYING.



HUFF! SPEEDY...
TOOK CHIP!
ROTOR,
TAILS, ONE OF YOU
GET TOP-SIDE AND
HELP WITH THE
DEFENSES! SONIC,
BUNNIE, ANTOINE...



... STOP
SPEEDY!



CHIP!
HOLD ON,
BUDDY! I'M
COMING!

COO-
HOO-
HOO!

SIGNAL
TEAM TWO!
THEN HAVE ALL
REMAINING
FORCES RETURN
TO ROOST!

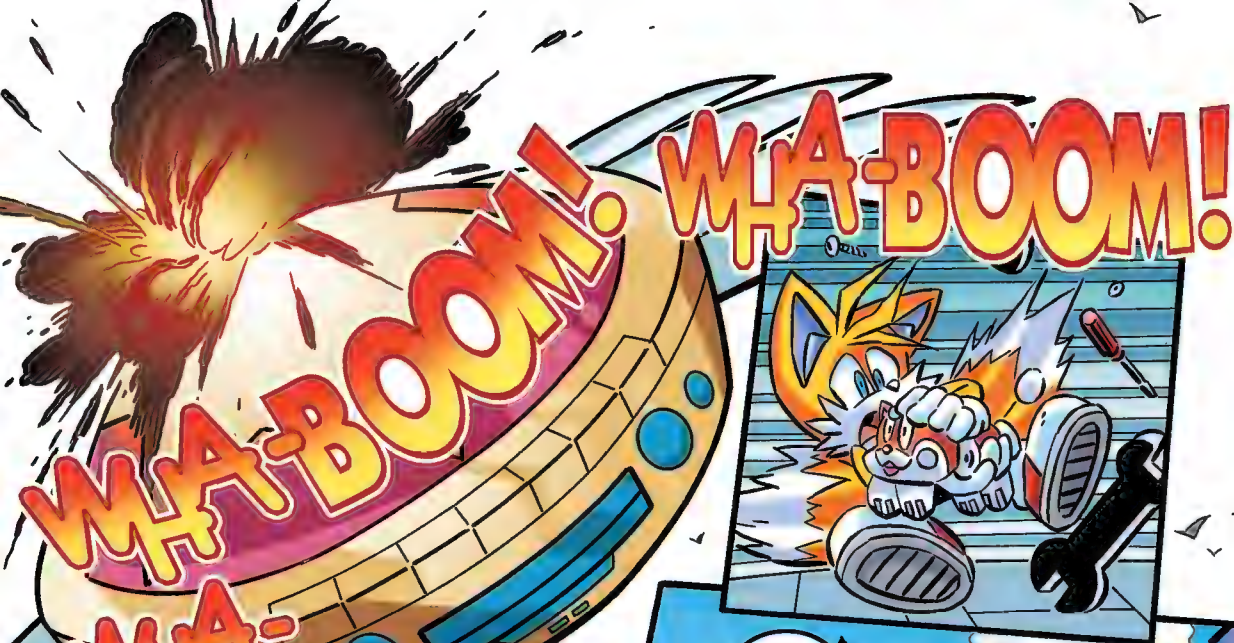
WHAT ABOUT
LORD SPEEDY'S
ESCORT?

THEY'VE GIVEN
THEMSELVES TO
THE CAUSE. THERE
IS NO HIGHER
HONOR!

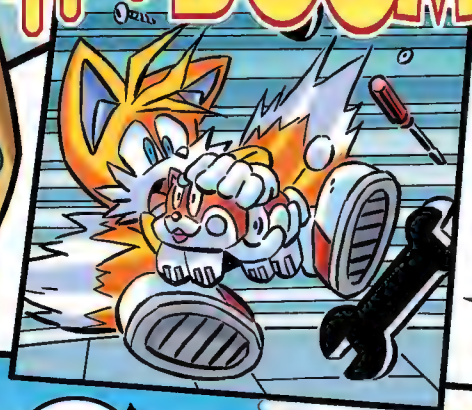
TEAM TWO,
DETONATE
CHARGES.



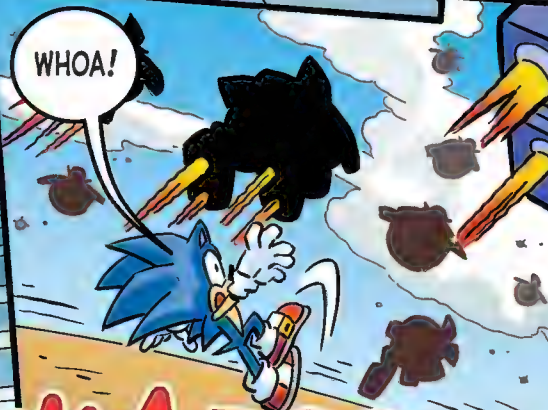
COPY THAT.
DETONATING
CHARGES.



WHA-BOOM!

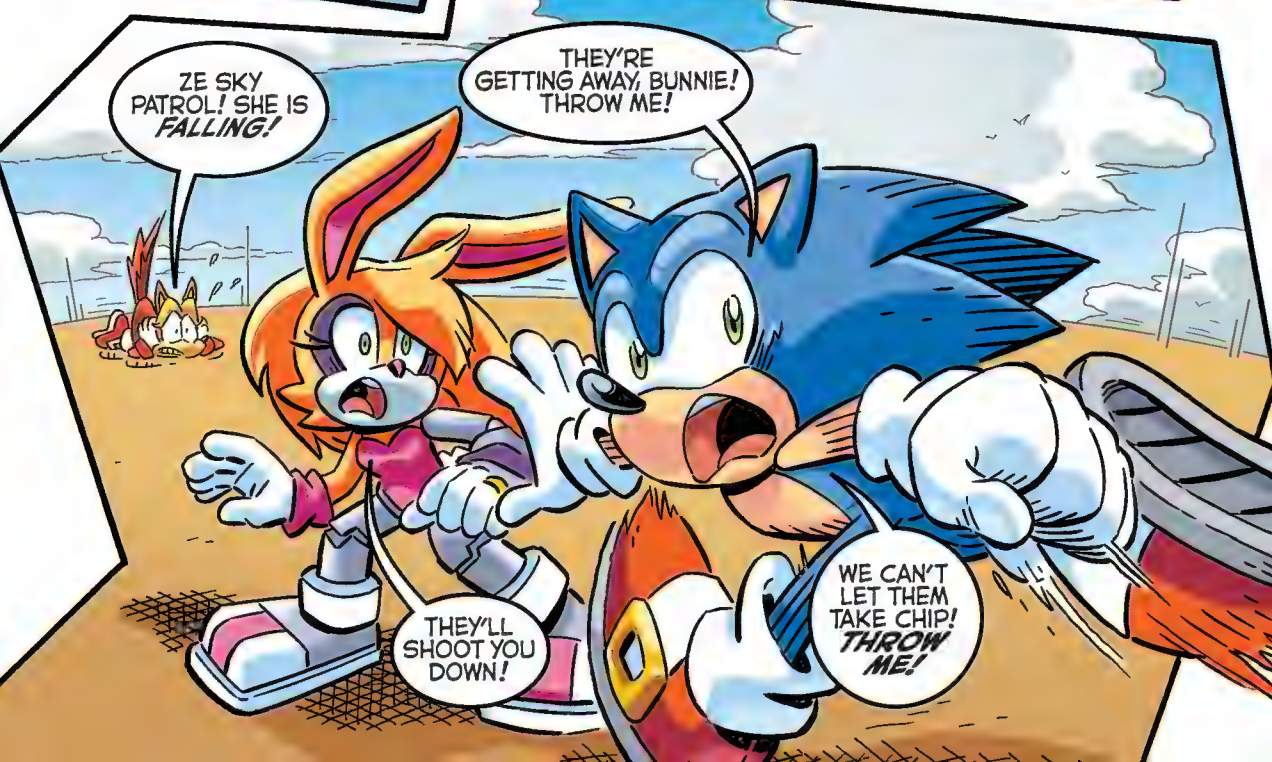
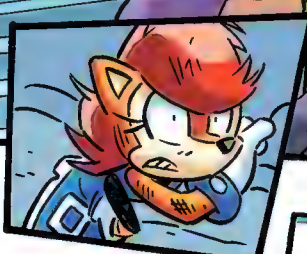


WHA-BOOM!



WHOA!

WHA-BOOM!



ZE SKY PATROL! SHE IS FALLING!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY, BUNNIE! THROW ME!

THEY'LL SHOOT YOU DOWN!

WE CAN'T LET THEM TAKE CHIP! THROW ME!

AH! YOU'VE BEEN DELAYED LONG ENOUGH. ENJOY BEING ENTOMBED IN A POWERLESS SYSTEM AS YOU CRASH INTO THE OCEAN. OR MAYBE YOU'LL BE LUCKY AND BE INCINERATED IN THE PLANET'S MANTLE? FAREWELL.

GOOD-BYE.

CIAO.



E-EVERYONE ...PHAGE W-WAS STALLING...

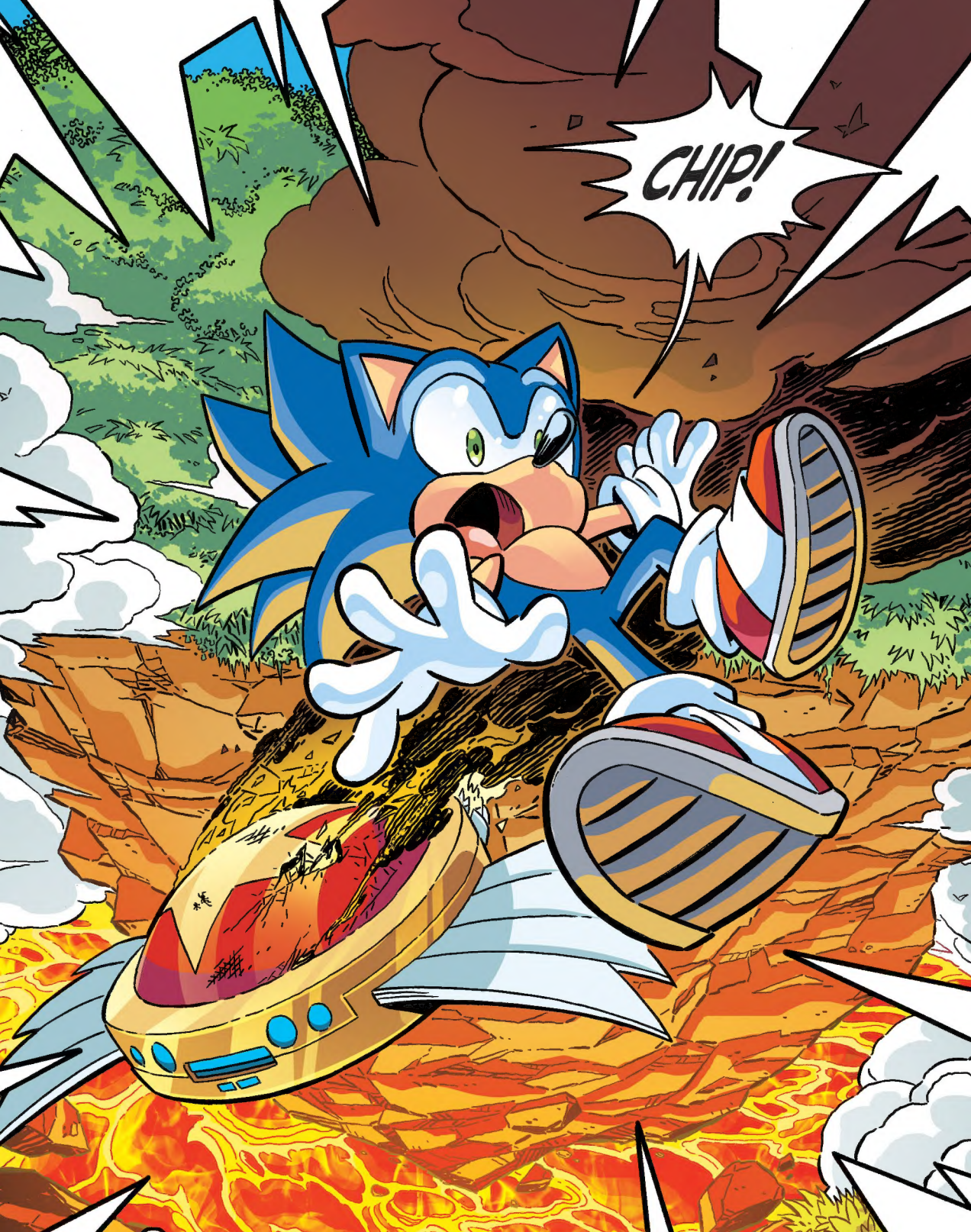
T-TAILS...TAKE OFF THE R-RING... S-SOMETHING'S W-WRONG...



FZZZKT!

NICOLE ...OW!





CHIP!

CHIP--KIDNAPPED! THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAIA KEYS--STOLEN!
OUR HEROES--FALLING TO A FIERY DOOM! HAS EGGMAN FINALLY WON?
UNTIL NEXT TIME, JOIN AMY AND KNUCKLES'S RACE AGAINST TIME IN
SONIC UNIVERSE!

**AND GET EVEN MORE SONIC ACTION WITH THE
SONIC SUPER DIGESTS AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!**

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's worth pushing the "PANIC" button over!

It's all come down to this...

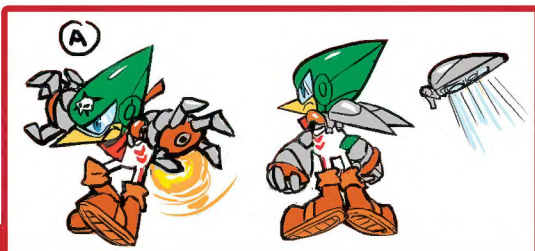
Hey there, Sonic comic readers! Things sure aren't looking too hot for our heroes right now... well... except for maybe the lava boiling beneath them...

With the combined efforts of the Battle Bird Armada, Team Hooligan, the Witchcarters and Dr. Eggman's mechs, the odds aren't exactly in the Blue Blur's favor. Can Sonic and the Freedom Fighters pull together to save Chip, the world AND themselves? Find out NEXT TIME!

'Til then, enjoy some super-sweet concept art by artist Diana Skelly! Later gators!


2016

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor



ABOVE: Speedy is one bird you don't wanna mess with, especially when he sports his exoskeleton armor!

RIGHT: King Acorn also has a few tricks up his sleeve! His energy sword and shield are unleashed to help him protect the kingdom!



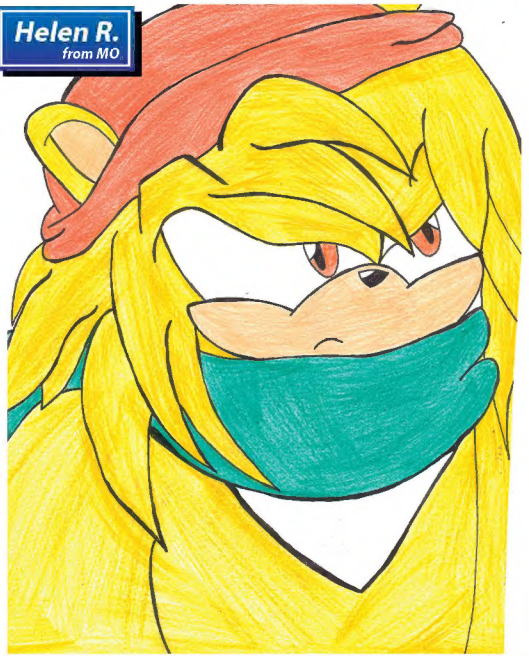
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SEATBELTS, EVERYONE!



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